

# FIRST NEWS

San Saba  
First United Methodist Church



July, 2009

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Church  
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Robin Percy, Pastor

We bid you welcome  
In the name of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Pray with us,  
Sing with us, rejoice  
with us

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
First Worship 10:00 a.m.



**Ministers:**  
Entire Congregation  
**Worship Leader:**  
Tracey Thomas  
Pianist  
Ashley Stewart  
**Organist:**  
Nettie Oma Carpenter  
**Choir Director:**  
Tracey Thomas  
**Church Secretary:**  
Debbie Uli  
**Custodian:**  
Mario Mendiola

Greetings In Christ!

The following information will help save millions of lives in Africa and other places where a child dies of malaria every thirty seconds. The United Methodist Church supports a Global Health Initiative titled: “**Nothing But Nets**. The denomination has long been a key player in the fight against malaria, operating hospitals, clinics and mission centers across Africa for more than 160 years. Nothing But Nets is one component of the Global Health Initiative.”

Malaria is carried by mosquitoes, and more than one million people die from malaria each year. This treatable disease infects almost five hundred million people annually, and is a major cause of death of children in Africa. “An insecticide-treated bed net can: cut malaria transmission in half, provide protection from mosquitoes biting in the night, and kill mosquitoes when they land on it.”

“You can join the tens of thousands of people who have acted. Send a net – save a life. A donation of just \$10.00 can keep an entire family from contracting malaria for up to four years. Your donation purchases, delivers and educates people on how to use the net. **Nothing But Nets** is supported by The United Methodist Church’s Global Health Initiative. This is one of our denominations’ **Four Areas of Focus** to eliminate diseases of poverty and improve health conditions for people in the United States and around the world.”

The United Methodist Church, “the National Basketball Association’s NBA Cares”, and “Sports Illustrated” are the founding campaign partners of the **Nothing But Nets** “global grassroots campaign”. Donations to this life-saving initiative may be made with a check payable to our Church with a note on your check: “**Nothing But Nets – Advance # 982015**”. Also, you may make donations by sending a check payable to **Nothing But Nets # 982015** to: Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087, or donate online at [www.umcnothingbutnets.org](http://www.umcnothingbutnets.org). If you wish to donate by credit card, call toll free (888) 252-6174, 8:00 – 4:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. “One – hundred percent of your gift will be used to send a net and save a life.”

“So what will it be – lunch, a movie, or a chance to save lives? You decide.”

**Matthew 25: 40 – 43, 45:** “Truly, ‘I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’” (NRSV)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Robin



## Prayer Concerns



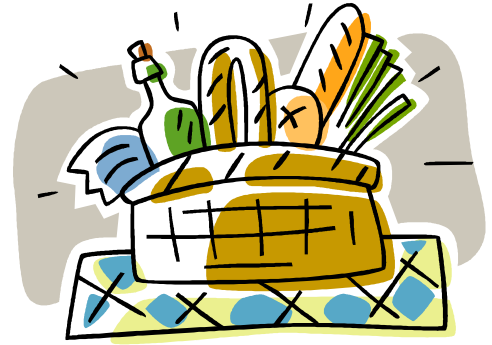
Tracey Thomas  
**Mrs. Norris, Pastor Robin's mom**  
Elodie Steger,  
Kathy McEwin,  
Tim Gates and Family,  
Trish & Henry Warren & Family,  
Daniel Smith,  
Connie Raesner Perry, Kolby Reavis,  
Kaye & Doug Clancey & Family,  
Peter Hald,  
Howard and Sherry Reddick,  
Jeck White (Boe and Margaret Rice's Grandson), Sonya (Ted Red's daughter),  
Michael Pullen & Family,  
Jeannette Toole,  
Johnnie Thornton,  
Pete and Sue Hemenway (friends of Trish Warren) ,  
Mark Owens (job safety), Elaine Lansford & husband John (Nancy and John Bannister's friends),  
Dr. John & Pamela Bannister,  
Natalie Yu and Family, James & Pat Reavis,  
**Jean Miller (Pat Belk's friend),**  
Nick Stripling (Pat Reavis Grandson),  
Mitchell, Johna & Matthew Moss,  
In Our Military:  
(Alex Dove,  
Eric Booker,  
Matthew Barrier,  
Cory Clendennen,  
Andy Smith

Please Remember to Pray for Our Troops, All Our Military Men and Women, Our Nation, Our Church. Thank you Lord for the Rain!



## FUMC Youth Picnic at Rough Creek

All FUMC youth are invited to picnic at Rough Creek on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Bring a sack lunch and join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and explora-



**The Children & Youth Ministries Committee** will meet on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m. Join us to begin planning for the fall semester!



## Landon—Trish's Grandson Update

Surgery on Landon is scheduled for July 27th in Houston @ Children's Medical. Ultra sounds were done that were needed & on this date only the areas that are most accessible will be treated so as not to compromise the aorta. These areas will be injected & expected to shrink completely. Landon will have some pain from this procedure. The good news found from the ultra sounds was that it had shrunk some and the blood flow through the aorta was good. More good news is that there is a specialist there that has worked with abdominal lymphangioma there. Bad news is that it will not go away by itself. Later? they will go back in and attempt to inject the area close to the aorta to reduce the mass. Was told the walls in that area had thickened & was also told the chances were 50/50 this would be totally successful. This surgery on the 27th could have been done sooner, but they wanted him to have some time for summer fun. Lyle & both boys will be here tomorrow evening. Lyle goes back to Denver Tuesday & the boys get to stay in San Saba for a bit before going back to Lufkin & their other grandmother.



You are  
Invited  
To the  
Annual Tri-County  
Methodist Men's  
Fish Fry

The Methodist  
Campground

Bend ,Texas

Friday  
July 17, 2009

Price \$10.00

Adults

\$5.00

Children 10 & under

Hosted by  
Bend UMC

To send an esti-  
mate of those in  
your group, please  
call Bend UMC  
325-628-3599  
& leave a message

## First Ladies News:

Our ladies are preparing health kits again for people in need. Many were sent last year to families in Louisiana. How guilty are we sometimes of taking for granted such things as a toothbrush and a bar of soap!! Anyone who wishes to donate to this effort may either construct a health kit (directions below), or donate 20 bars of soap, 10 toothbrushes....any multiple of the needed items. Of course money is also accepted!! These items may be given to any UMW member, or brought to the July unit meeting.

July 13th will be the next Ladies unit meeting at 6:30 in the church parlor. Program leader will be Trish Warren and hostesses will be Cherry Kay Lange, Zolly Jones, Pat Belk, and Wahnee Stallings. Please bring your covered dish and join us for a great time together in the Lord!! Suzan Garner, our shephard-ess, will be joining us. If you haven't met her, you will enjoy this opportunity to meet a sweet spirited Christian sister!

Directions for health kits:

1 hand towel (15" x 25" or 17" x 27")

1 wash cloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or pair of fingernail clipper (no emery boards, please)

1 bath size (5 oz or larger) bar of soap in original wrapper

1 toothbrush in original wrapper (single only)

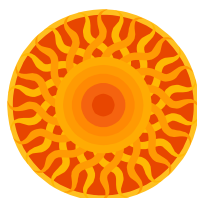
6 adhesive bandages (such as Band-Aids)

Wrap all these brand new items in the new hand towel, tie it with string or yarn. Place entire bundle inside a sealed, one-gallon plastic bag with zipper enclosure.

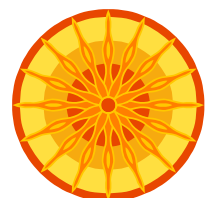
You will be so blessed by helping those who need the most basic items!!!

ALSO, don't forget the First Ladies Teddy Bear ministry!!

If you know anyone who has endured sickness, surgery, or loss ...please go to the back of the sanctuary, pick up an animal and hug it all through the worship service. This will remind you to pray for that person many times during our service..also lifting that person's name during our prayer time so that all may join in prayer for them! Then be sure to take the soft lovable animal to the person you prayed for and assure them that First United Methodist Church members care about them and pray for their needs as well. There have been many stories of folks who have



Meal on Wheels  
Monday June 29—July 3  
Monday July 6 = July 10





**Aerobic Walking  
Every Monday  
Wednesday & Fri-  
day  
10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

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**Church Council Meet-  
ing  
July 14th  
6 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

## A to Z Bread

### Ingredients:

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| 2 cups sugar,                                      | 1 cup vegetable oil,    | 3 eggs, lightly beaten |
| 2 cups A-to-Z ingredients (choose from list below) |                         |                        |
| 1 tbsp. vanilla                                    | 3 c. all-purpose flour, | 2 tsp. cinnamon        |
| 1 tsp. baking powder                               | 1 tsp. baking soda      | 1 tsp. salt            |
| 1 cup chopped pecans                               |                         |                        |

### \*\*\*A-TO-Z INGREDIENTS:\*\*\*

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| Apples, peeled and shredded              | Applesauce                    |
| Apricots (dried), chopped                | Banana, mashed                |
| Carrots, shredded                        | Coconut                       |
| Dates, pitted and chopped                | Figs (dried), chopped         |
| Grapes (seedless), chopped               | Oranges, peeled and chopped   |
| Peaches, peeled and chopped              | Pears, peeled and chopped     |
| Pineapple (canned), crushed and drained  | Prunes, pitted and chopped    |
| Pumpkin, canned                          | Raisins                       |
| Raspberries, unsweetened fresh or frozen | Strawberries, fresh or frozen |
| Sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed        | Zucchini, peeled and grated   |

### Directions:

In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar, oil and eggs; mix well. Stir in A-to-Z ingredients of your choice and vanilla. Combine flour cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; stir into liquid ingredients just until moistened. Stir in nuts. Pour into two greased 8-in. x 4-in. x 2-in. loaf pans. Bake at 325 F for 55-65 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack

## Questions

Kevin & Monica Shahan along with Pastor Robin attended Annual Conference recently in Corpus Christi. Rev. Meredith Wende was one of the speakers. She asked each congregation to ask themselves the following questions: "What are you doing as a church body to cultivate new leaders and new pastors in the life of the church? Are you doing anything at all? Are you perhaps inhibiting church unity and spiritual growth within your congregation? Who amongst your congregation has a higher calling to become a pastor, a youth leader, a missionary, or a director of missions? Does your own personal relationship with Christ help you see the potential in your youth and fellow members in Christ and help them in taking the next step in following their calling?" Such questions are relevant to our church body now and in the future.



**Submitted by Kevin Shahan**

## Our Church Family



Summer time is a time of comings and goings. Company and visitors. Katie McEwin is home from college and is working for her dad and rodeoing. Travis Hawkins is home from Texas A&M Kingsville. He and his cousin Tanner are building fence. Tyler Hawkins is spending his summer going to summer school. The good news is that he will graduate in August. Ted Red had 2 of his grandchildren visiting with him. He was spending his time taking them places. Grace Stewart has a new kitten that she has named SonShine. Wonder if it also belongs to Faith. Lindsey and Derek Pugh, daughter and son-in-law of Mike and Tracey Thomas, were in to attend the wedding of J.D Barker and visit her parents. Amy Fry and baby were in for a quick visit to see her mom, Ann Melton and then it was back to Alpine and Sul Ross University and a job. Hollee Ragsdale is spending the month of June with her grandparents traveling. Cindy Prater was off to a archeology hunt in West Texas. Nicole & Elise Grant, daughter of Bob & Debbie Millican was in to attend the birthday party of her grandmother Louise Oswald. Mike & Tracey Thomas made a trip to Weatherford to see Tracey's family. Guess it was a good thing they got it in when they did as Tracey is now laid up with a bugged up finger. Kim and Raley Kirk have had a bunch of company. First it was her sister's two kids and then it was family friends from Pennsylvania for rodeo week-end. Kathy McEwin is going to have shoulder surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mindy Cantu and some friends took a short trip. I believe shopping and a water park were on the agenda. Lesa Schultze filled in for her at the snow cone stand. Lesa is back to wearing an orthopedic boot. Ann McElroy had a nice article in the newspaper for Amanda Jackson's birthday. Amanda's other news is that her house has new siding on it so no more painting. Daylon Smith, son of Joe Pete and Danna Smith, was named the "Best Dressed Cowboy" in the San Saba rodeo Parade. Jennifer Reeves will be starting a new job come August. She will be teaching intermediate school music in Brownwood. Her sister-in-law, Kari Reeves is really enjoying her job at TDCJ. Kevin and Monica Shahan made a trip to Chandler, Texas to see her sister and family. Bob & Debbie Millican waited for Bob to get thru with his hay baling and then they went. Bo & Margaret Rice have a big garden and have been sharing some of their produce. Melanie and Scott Mathis are attending a couple's retreat in Kerrville. Casey, J.T. and Ryan are staying with their grandmother. Harper and Ashley Stewart spent a long week-end in Abilene. Linda & Owen Parks are thru with all the wedding festivities of both their grandsons. Richard Waldie participated in another bow shoot one week-end. John Cook caught a bug and spend part of a week-end sick. Now that Lee & Kelly Murray are thru remodeling the house they bought, they have started on the hunting lodge. Elizabeth Bryant reports that she had a good time at church camp. Wonder if she got a sunburn? David Parker's sister was back in San Saba visiting him and other family members. Vickie & C.K. Stevenson made a short trip to New Mexico and attended a conference. Wonder if Vickie got to shop any? Suzanne Walters was thankful for a good report from her doctor. Guess it is the trips to the gym and riding her bicycle. Congratulations, Suzanne. Thanks goes out to Tracey Thomas and Barrett Renfro for filling in for Pastor Robin while he took a little vacation. Trish Warren is looking forward to a visit from her Colorado grandchildren. Don & Ann McElroy enjoyed a visit from their granddaughter Avery. Raley Kirk and Avery enjoyed spending some time together. Carol Littlefield and Elsie Millican combined efforts to host a birthday party for Amanda Jackson. Pastor Robin even got a chance to eat some of the birthday cake. Jess McDowell was in to help his parents complete a remodeling project.

## **Church Newsletter Bloopers**

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**The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight will be: "Searching for Jesus"**

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**Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.**

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**Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.**

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**The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."**

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**Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you, and hopefully they will respond.**

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**Don't let worry kill you - let the Church help.**

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**Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.**

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**At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.**

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**Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.**

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**Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to help cripple children.**

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**The Lutheran men's group will meet at 6 PM. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.**

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**For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

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**Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.**

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**The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 P.M. ..prayer and medication to follow.**

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**The ladies of the Church have cast off old clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.**

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**This evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.**

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**The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.**

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**Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM, Please use the back door.**

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